

"Trishna" enters Pacific

NEW YORK, March 1 (P.T.I.) — "Trishna" the sailing expedition of the Indian Army officers, on a round the world voyage — has entered the Pacific Ocean after crossing the famous Panama Canal.

The yacht—a 37 ft fibre glass vessel — which set sail in September, 1985, touched Balboa port on the Pacific side of Panama on Thursday after covering almost half its intended voyage. It is likely to return to its starting point, Bombay, towards the end of this year.

According to a report received from Panama, the seven-member team led by Col T.P.S. Choudhury as manager and Major K.S. Rao as skipper, was received on the shore by the Indian Ambassador, Mr S.I. Singh, and representatives of the Indian community, the Panamanian Government and of the U.S. armed forces.

The report said the morale of the team was high and members were

in good health. "Trishna" will be anchored in Panama for about a month for repair and maintenance before setting out for the next stage of its long voyage on the Pacific, heading towards Australia.

The local media gave wide coverage of the arrival of "Trishna" in Panama. ✓